
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Adds [312 IAC 18-3-24](#) pertaining to entomology and plant pathology to regulate the walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*) and *Geosmithia morbida* sp. nov, a fungus that kills walnut trees. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200, at nrcrules@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-24-3](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 5-28-17-5](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-5](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-5\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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